UTILITY Attorney Docket No. 216011US3 PATENT APPLICATION First Inventor or Application Identifier Yoshinobu TAKANO, et al TRANSMITTAL Title BRANCHING METHOD FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1 53(b) Assignee Name: Asahi Glass Company, Limited Assignee Address: 12-1, Yurakucho 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku TOKYO 100-8405 JAP c Assistant Commissioner for Patents **APPLICATION ELEMENTS** ADDRESS TO: Box Patent Application See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents Washington, DC 20231 Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB/17) **ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS** (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing) 7. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) 2. Specification **Total Sheets** 26 8. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement Power of ☐ Attorney (when there is an assignee) 2 3. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) Total Sheets 10. English Translation Document (if applicable) Information Disclosure Copies of IDS ☐ Citations Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 4. Oath or Declaration **Total Pages** 3 12. Preliminary Amendment 13. Mhite Advance Serial No. Postcard Newly executed (original) a. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)) Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (1) (for continuation/divisional with box 17 completed) (if foreign priority is claimed) i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F R. §1.63(d)(2) and Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 16. **☒** Other: Request for Priority CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix) Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission 6. (if applicable, all necessary) Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. Specification or Sequence Listing on: i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. 🗌 Paper c. Statements verifying identity of above copies If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below. ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no.: Prior application information: Examiner: Group Art Unit: For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered a part of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts 18. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ☐ This application is a ☐ Continuation □ Division ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of application Serial No. Filed on ☐ Which was published in English ☐ Which was not published in English ☐ This application claims priority of provisional application Serial No. Filed 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS (703) 413-3000

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